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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventors: Rodriguez, et al.

For: System and Method for Updating User Home Automation Systems

Enclosed are:

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 14, 2003, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

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